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**OIL AND GAS BUSINESSMAN SENTENCED TO 1 YEAR IMPRISONMENT  
FOR TAX EVASION AND FAILURE TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS**

*– Failed to pay taxes of \$142,462*

*– Used oil and gas investments of his clients to buy vacations, jaguar auto,  
home improvements, credit cards*

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Gregory P. Rogers**, age 59, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in Warren County, was sentenced to 1 year imprisonment in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for two counts of tax evasion in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7201 and two counts of failure to file federal income tax returns in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7203, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Joseph H. McKinley, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Rogers to three years supervised release following incarceration. Rogers had previously pleaded guilty to these charges.

The Indictment to which Rogers pleaded guilty charged that in each 2000 and 2001 he willfully evaded his personal income taxes and failed to file personal income tax returns. Counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment charged that he willfully evaded income taxes due and owing by him to the United States. Count 1 specifically charged that during the 2000 calendar year Rogers received gross income of \$99,171.65 and as a result owes income taxes of \$19,768 that he did not pay.

Count 2 charged that during the 2001 calendar year Rogers received gross income of \$388,345.32 and as a result owes income taxes of \$122,694 that he did not pay. It is also

charged that Rogers committed a number of affirmative acts of tax evasion during the 2000 and 2001 calendar years. The affirmative acts of tax evasion committed by Rogers include the following: not filing a 2000 or 2001 federal income tax return; not filing corporate tax returns for his Sub-S corporations, which included Rogpex, Inc., Innervision Communications, Inc., and Adam Paul & Company, Inc.; using funds from his businesses to pay his personal expenses, which included purchasing a 1998 Jaguar automobile, purchasing a 2001 Ford Mustang automobile, construction of a personal swimming pool, payment of vacation expenses, payment for condominium renovations, payment of credit card bills, payment of Bowling Green Country Club dues, payment of personal utility bills, purchase of his household appliances and furniture, payment of outstanding personal bank loans, and payment of personal dining expenses; and using his business to title his personal residence, located at 1287 Underwood Court in Mt. Ayre Subdivision.

The Indictment also charges in Count 3 that Rogers willfully failed to file a 2000 federal income tax return despite receiving gross income of \$99,171.65. Count 4 charges that Rogers willfully failed to file a 2000 federal income tax return despite receiving gross income of \$388,345.32. For each of the years 2000 and 2001, Rogers did not file a federal income tax return despite having a combined gross income of nearly \$490,000. The Indictment further charges that the source of Rogers income for 2000 and 2001 came from his operation of multiple oil & gas exploration businesses in the Hart County, Kentucky, area. In particular, he owned and operated Rogpex, Inc., Innervision Communications, Inc., and Adam Paul and Company, Inc. Each of these businesses was a Sub-S corporation the was wholly owned by Rogers. From the late 1990's through 2001, he used these businesses to obtain a number of oil and gas leases in Hart County, Kentucky. Also during this period, he used these businesses to solicit money from a number of investors. In 2000 and 2001, he solicited approximately \$1,200,000 from these oil and gas

exploration investors. Rogers, however, used only a small portion of these funds for investment into his oil and gas exploration enterprises. Instead, he used the majority of these investment proceeds for personal expenses. For example, he used the funds to renovate his personal condominium, purchase personal automobiles, purchase home furnishings, pay personal credit card bills, pay for vacations, and pay for a variety of other personal living expenses.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigations.

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